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1. It was learned that, early in September 1951, Felix Gordon Ordas, a Spanish Republican resident in Mexico, arrived in Guatemala. Gordon Ordas, who had been charged by the President of the Spanish Republican Government in Exile with the formation of a new government after the resignation of Alvaro Albornoz, went to Guatemala for the specific purpose of getting in touch with President Arbenz and asking financial aid from the Government of Guatemala for the Spanish Republican Government in Paris. He also wished to present Arbenz with a plan to have an Ambassador of the Spanish Republic appointed to Guatemala if the financial situation would permit. (b)(1)
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2. President Arbenz is said to have received Gordon Ordas with extreme cordiality and affirmed his good will towards the Spanish Republic. Arbenz stated that he was in favor of having an Ambassador from the Spanish Republic, but that the question of financial aid would have to be studied at a later date because of the economic difficulties of Guatemala at the present time. Gordon Ordas apparently made a very good impression on Arbenz, and the interview ended on a very cordial note.
3. Source also learned that Gordon Ordas had left by plane for Cuba on 5 September 1951 and expected to present to President Frio Socarras the problem of financial aid to the Spanish Republican Government.

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